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Milan, December 1. N. S.

THE Bishop of *Salsina* is arrived here from *Genoua*, in his way to *Vienna*, whither he goes as Ambassador from the King of *Spain*.

Venice, Dec. 7. The *Eagle*-Galley arrived here the 3d instant, in 12 days from *Messina*; and 3 days before her departure the Turkey Fleet and Convoy sailed thence on their Voyage homeward.

Vienna, Dec. 5. The States of *Hungary* having represented at this Court, that the Country is over-charged with Winter Quarters, the Emperor has ordered several Regiments of the Forces that served the last Summer against the *Turks*, to Winter in *Silesia* and *Bohemia*; and 'tis thought some of these may be employed the next Summer on the *Rhine*. They write from *Peter-Waradin*, That a Party of that Garison, who had been as far as the *Save*, was come back, and brought with them several Prisoners; from whom they understood that there is a very strong Garison at *Belgrade*; That the Turks have lately sent another Convoy of Provisions to *Temeswaer*; and that they had posted Troops along the *Danube* and *Save*, to hinder the Excursions of the Hungarian Hussars. The Imperialists go on with the new Fortifications at *Peter-Waradin*, as fast as the Season will permit; and they take the same care to Fortifie *Titul*. Our Troops in *Transilvania* are very watchful, to secure the Frontiers of that Country against the *Tartars*, who being come in a strong Body into *Moldavia*, may, it's apprehended, design an Excursion that way, if they meet with an opportunity. The *Tartars* that fell lately into *Poland*, made not only a great Ravage in that Country about *Lemberg*, but brought away a great number of People.

Francfort, Dec. 12. The Deputies of the Six Circles, who are to meet here, are most of them arrived, the rest are daily expected, and in all probability they will begin their Consultations the next week, about providing for their Defence and Common Security. The Preparations the French make, give us reason to believe they will endeavour to pass the *Rhine* during the Winter, and make an Excursion into the Country of *Wirtemberg*; to prevent which, the Country People assisted with 3 or 4000 Soldiers are casting up several Works near that River, and good Garisons are placed in such Places as are most convenient for opposing the Enemy.

Cologne, Dec. 14. A strong Detachment of the *Brandenburgh* Forces, quartered in this Diocess, is ordered to march, and it's believed they intend to make an Incursion into the Dutchy of *Luxemburgh*. They are raising in these Parts Recruits for the Imperial Troops; and new Levies for the Republick of *Venice*. 'Tis said, that besides the Confederate Army on the *Upper Rhine*, there will be formed in these Parts the next Summer a Body of 20 or 25000 Men.

Cologne, Dec. 18. The last Letters from the *Upper Rhine* say, the French make Preparations at *Philipsburgh* and *Landau* for some Enterprize, and that Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* was come to *Francfort*, to give the necessary Orders, to oppose them in case they make any attempt to pass the *Rhine*. The same Letters add, That my Lord *Galloway*'s Equipage was arrived there, and his Lordship was expected in few days

Hamburgh, Dec. 14. There is nothing yet concluded in the Affair of *Holstein*. The last Letters from *Poland* continue to speak of the good Prospect Prince *James* has of succeeding in his Pretention to the Crown; though the French Ambassador labours all he can to make a Party for the Prince of *Conti*. It's believed the Confederated Forces will declare for the former. In the mean time the Affairs of the Kingdom being in much Disorder, divers of the Senators would willingly have the Election sooner, but know not how to alter what has been so solemnly resolved on, about appointing the time for it.

Paris, Dec. 14. The French King goes to morrow to *Marli*; and the Count *de Creey* is order'd to follow the Court, which confirms the Opinion of his being designed to be one of the Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty, in the Place of Monsieur *Courtin*. The Marshal *de Catinat* is in great Credit here, and 'tis generally believed he will command in *Flanders* or *Catalonia* the next Campaign. The Advices from *Brest* say, that Monsieur *Pointy*'s Squadron is encreased to 22 Men of War, and that they would sail in few days; and that another Squadron is fitting out, which is to consist of about 20 Men of War, under the Command of Monsieur *Chasseurmont*. Some new Edict or another comes out almost every week for raising of Money, though the Taxes are already so many, and the People so oppressed by them, that there seems to be no room left for inventing any new ones. The Officers of the Marine that are come to Court in expectation of a Promotion, have been told, that there are at present no thoughts of making one, and that they should return to their several Stations.

Paris, Dec. 17. They write from *Rochelle*, that the Sieur *d'Amblemont*, who lately sailed from thence for the *West-Indies*, being made Governor of the French Islands there, in the Place of the Count *de Blenac*, was put back by bad Weather and contrary Winds. The Squadron commanded by the Sieur *Pointy* was, according to our last advices, still in the Road of *Brest*, expecting several Vessels with Provisions from *Bourdeaux* and *Rochelle*. Besides the Squadron to be commanded by Monsieur *Chasseuremont*, they talk here of setting out another under the Marquis *de Nesmond*.

Brussells, December 12. The Deserters that were fled lately to *Louvain*, having a design

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